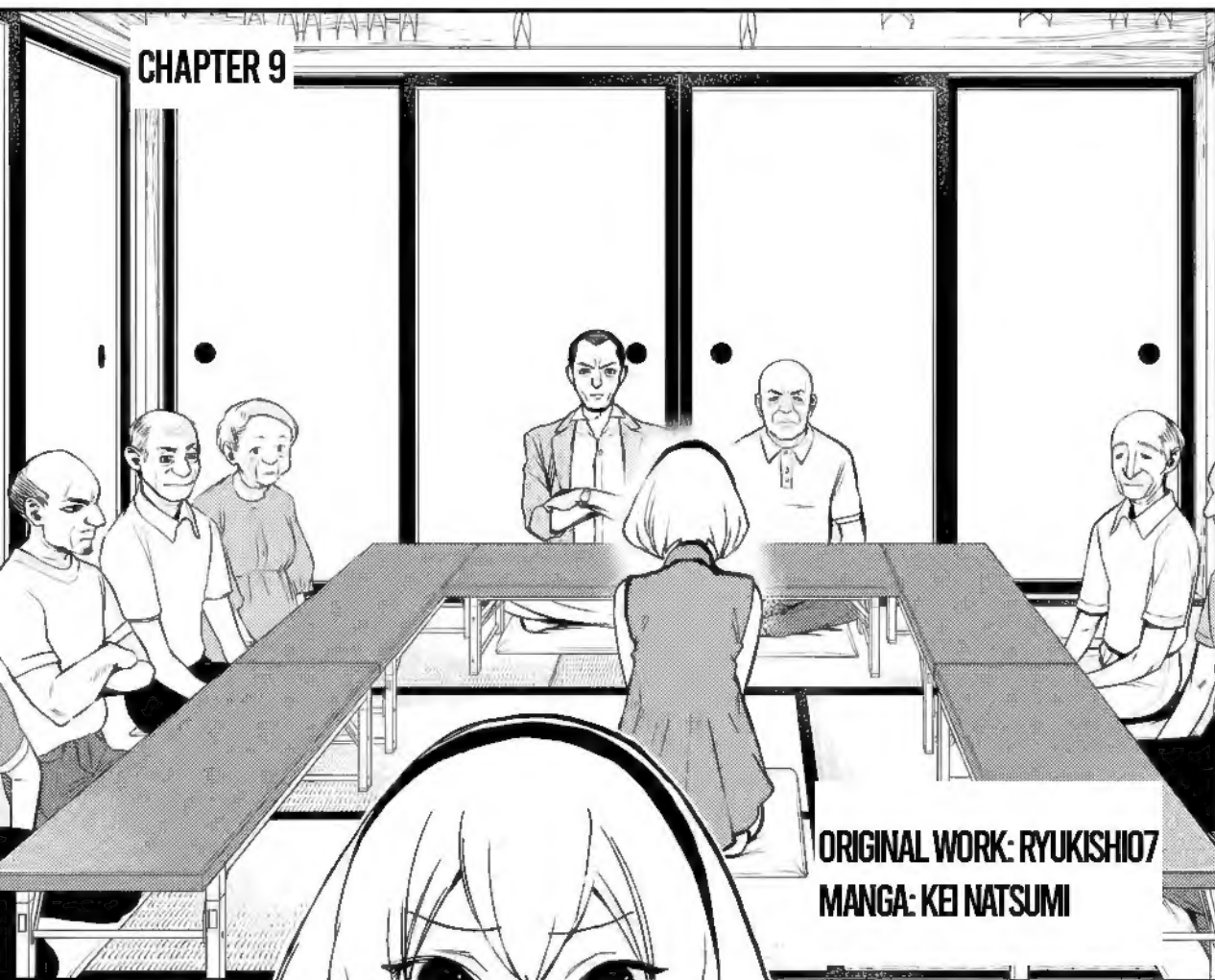




## CHAPTER 9



ORIGINAL WORK: RYUKISHIO7  
MANGA: KEI NATSUMI

I  
DON'T WANT  
ANYONE  
BULLYING  
THEM...

SO,  
THE PEOPLE  
OF POLARIS  
DESERVE OUR  
SYMPATHY. IF  
WE LEAVE THEM  
ALONE, THEY  
WON'T CAUSE  
ANY HARM.



IF  
SATOKO-  
CHAN IS  
THE ONE  
SAYING IT,  
THERE'S NO  
WAY I WON'T  
LISTEN...

THEY'RE  
NEITHER A  
RELIGION,  
NOR TRYING  
TO TAKE  
OVER THE  
VILLAGE,  
YOU SAY...?

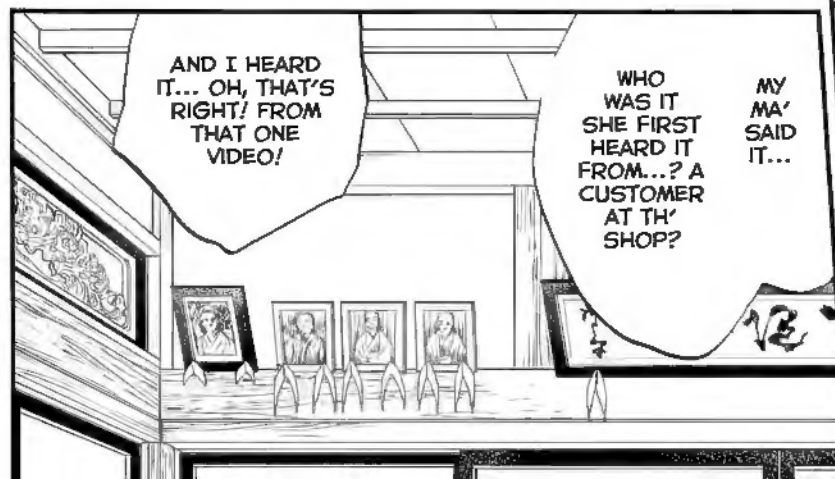
I SEE,  
KEIICHI-  
KUN,  
HUH...?



EVERYONE,  
YOU SAY? WHO  
SPECIFICALLY  
HAVE YOU  
HEARD  
THAT FROM,  
UNCLE  
SHOUKICHI?

YEAH,  
YEAH.

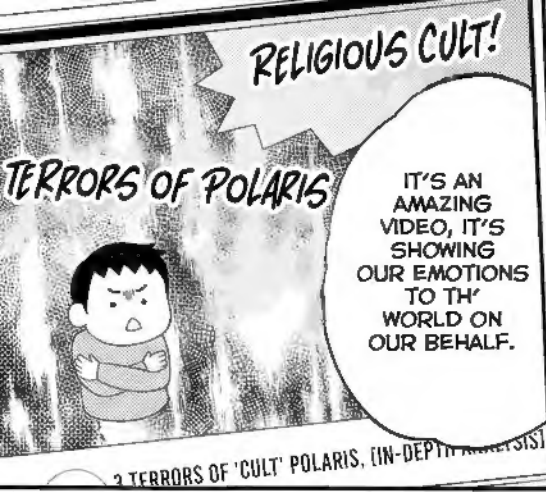
YOU SAY  
THAT, BUT  
EVERYONE  
ELSE'S SAYIN'  
THAT THOSE  
FOLKS ARE  
JUST A CULT  
USING SHELTER  
AS A COVER  
STORY...



AND I HEARD  
IT... OH, THAT'S  
RIGHT! FROM  
THAT ONE  
VIDEO!

WHO  
WAS IT  
SHE FIRST  
HEARD IT  
FROM...? A  
CUSTOMER  
AT TH'  
SHOP?

MY  
MA' SAID  
IT...



# TERRORS OF POLARIS

IT'S AN AMAZING VIDEO, IT'S SHOWING OUR EMOTIONS TO THE WORLD ON OUR BEHALF.

2 TERRORS OF 'CULT' POLARIS, (IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS)



SATOKO-CHAN, HAVE YOU NOT SEEN THIS?

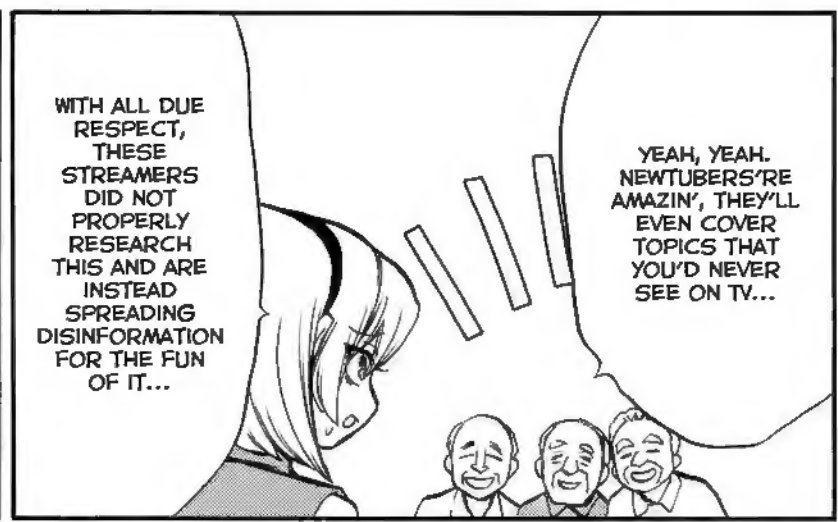


VI-DEO?



SATOKO-CHAN, YER REALLY SIDIN' WITH POLARIS HERE...

I'VE NO INTENTION... OF TAKING SIDES...



WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THESE STREAMERS DID NOT PROPERLY RESEARCH THIS AND ARE INSTEAD SPREADING DISINFORMATION FOR THE FUN OF IT...

YEAH, YEAH. NEWTUBERS'RE AMAZIN', THEY'LL EVEN COVER TOPICS THAT YOU'D NEVER SEE ON TV...



BUT I AM WELL AWARE OF WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF BASELESS CRITICISM...

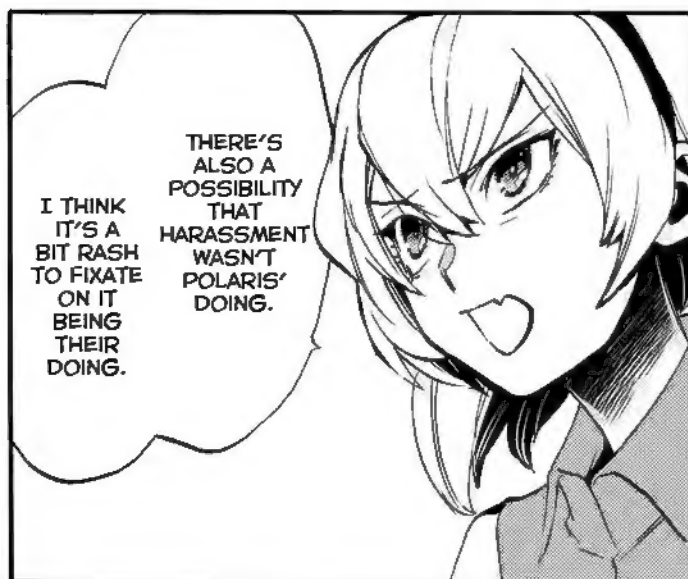


HAVENCHA' HEARD ABOUT IT TOO, HAVEN'T YOU, SATOKO?



IF ANYTHIN', WE'RE THE ONES GETTIN' BULLIED...

'SIDES, WE'RE LEAVIN' 'EM ALONE ENOUGH AS IS...



I THINK IT'S A BIT RASH TO FIXATE ON IT BEING THEIR DOING.

THERE'S ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT HARASSMENT WASN'T POLARIS' DOING.



JUST LAST NIGHT, DEAD CROWS WERE DUMPED IN TH' CORNER O' NAKAIZUMI'S HOUSE.

THEY'VE BEEN TORN UP ABOUT THEIR BELOVED GARDEN BEIN' DESTROYED...

BUT DESPITE THAT, WE'RE HOLDIN' BACK, WITHOUT GVIN' 'EM A PIECE O' THEIR OWN MEDICINE.



WE'LL SEE ABOUT SETTLIN' THAT EVENTUALLY, BUT RIGHT NOW WE HAVEN'T REALLY COME UP WITH THE HOW...

HOLD ON, NOW.



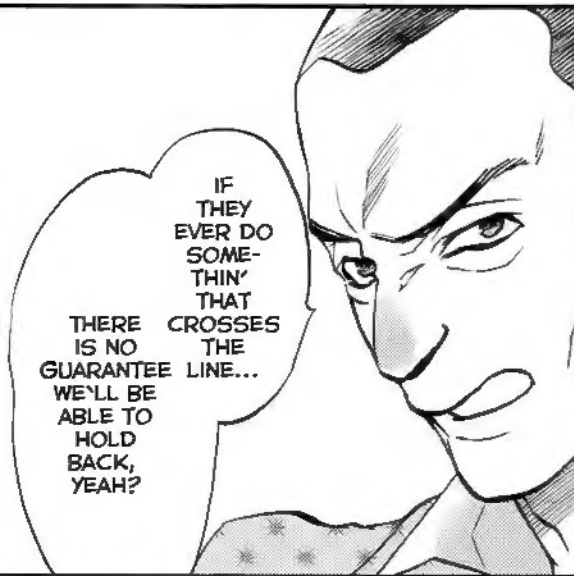
WHO ELSE BUT POLARIS WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT?!





...HOW-  
EVER...

O'  
COURSE  
WE HAVEN'T  
LAID A  
FINGER ON  
'EM.



IF  
THEY  
EVER DO  
SOME-  
THIN'  
THAT  
CROSSES  
THE  
LINE...  
THERE  
IS NO  
GUARANTEE  
WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
HOLD  
BACK,  
YEAH?



DON'T  
MESS  
WITH  
POLARIS  
AT ALL.

ANYHOW,  
I'M GONNA  
GIVE A  
STRICT  
ORDER  
TO THE  
WHOLE  
VILLAGE.



THEN...

"IF THEY  
EVER DO  
SOME-  
THING  
THAT  
CROSSES  
THE LINE."

THAT'S  
DEFINITELY  
A LINE  
TO TAKE  
NOTE OF.



KISAKU  
SAID  
THAT...?



IF  
THE CURSE  
CAN BE MADE  
TO LOOK LIKE  
POLARIS'S  
HANDIWORK...  
MAYBE IT  
COULD BE  
INTERPRETED  
THAT WAY, TOO.

HE'S  
EXPECTING  
THAT  
POLARIS  
CAUSES  
THE  
CURSE...?

OR  
NO...

"IF THE  
CURSE OF  
OYASHIRO-  
SAMA  
HAPPENS A  
SECOND  
YEAR."

"IF  
POLARIS  
CAUSES  
THE CURSE  
TO HAPPEN,  
THE VILLAGE  
WILL HAVE  
GROUNDS TO  
ATTACK  
POLARIS."

...OR  
MAYBE...

BUT...WOULD  
HE REALLY  
STOOP TO  
MURDER JUST  
FOR THAT  
REASON...

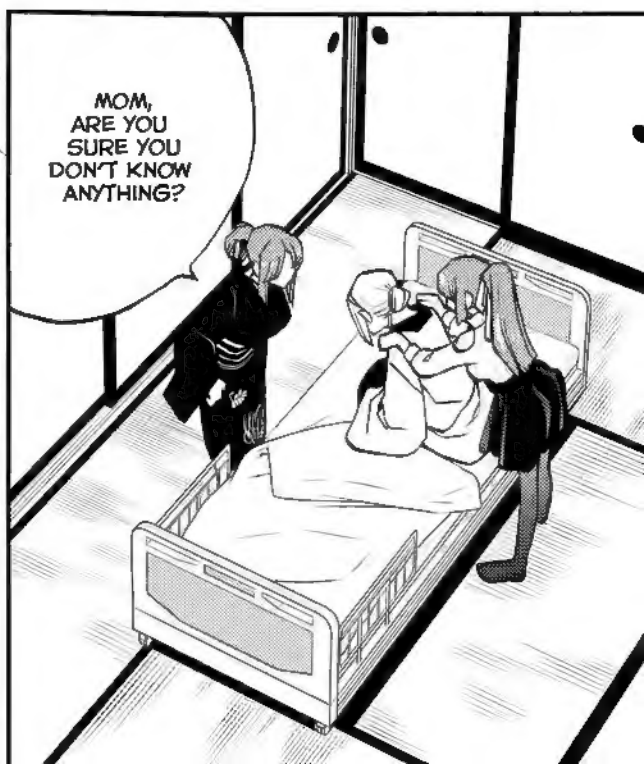


THOUGH,  
IT'S TRUE  
HE'S BEEN  
GETTING  
FRUSTRATED  
A LOT  
RECENTLY.

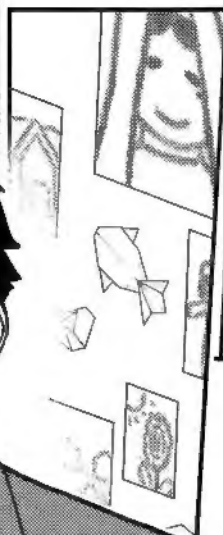
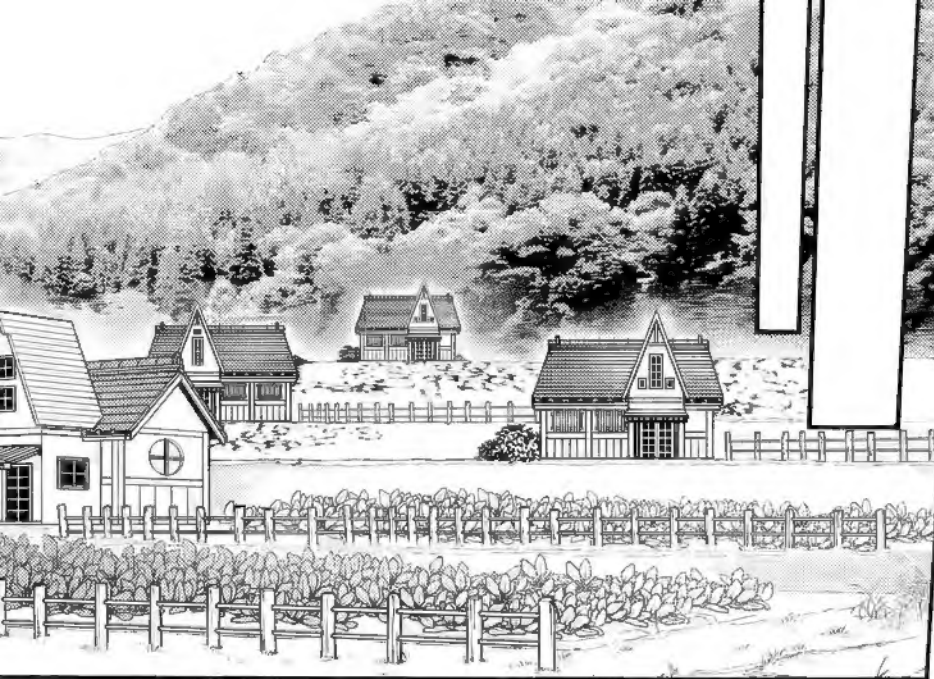
MURDER  
FEELS  
UNTHINK-  
ABLE...

MY HUSBAND  
MAY SEEM  
ARROGANT,  
BUT HE CAN BE  
SURPRISINGLY  
WARM HEARTED  
AND PRECIOUS.



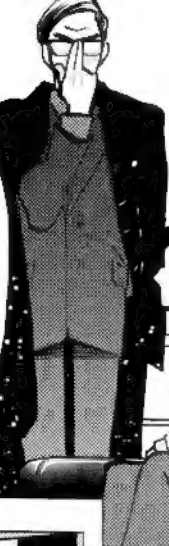
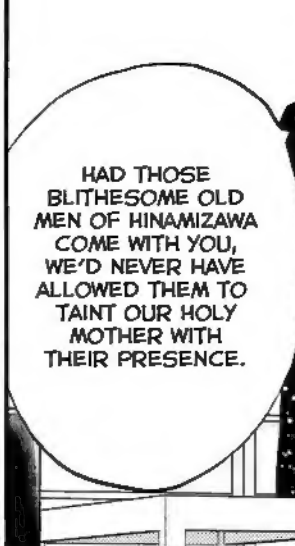






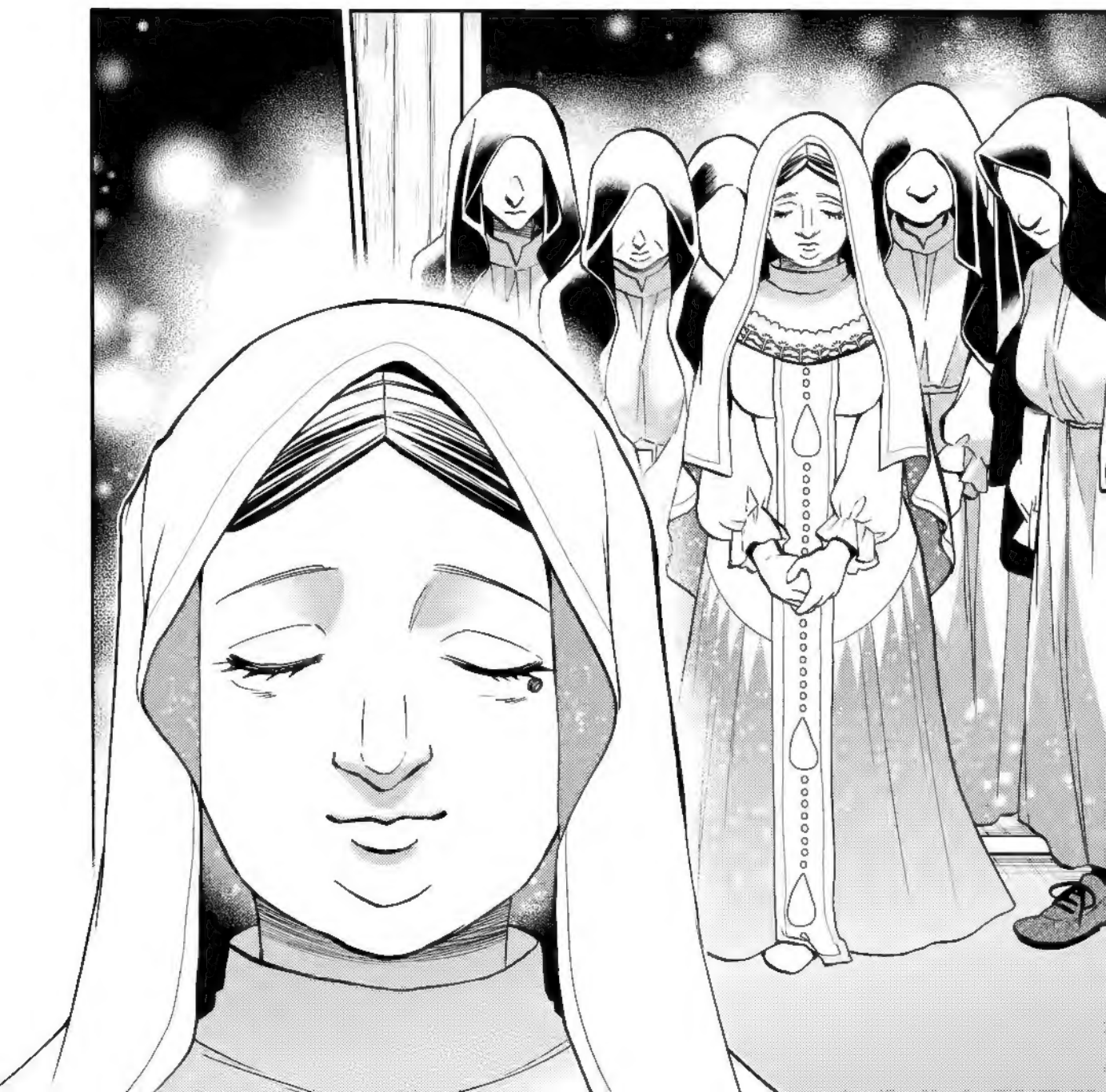
...

ACTU-  
ALLY...



HAD THOSE  
BLITHESOME OLD  
MEN OF HINAMIZAWA  
COME WITH YOU,  
WE'D NEVER HAVE  
ALLOWED THEM TO  
TAINT OUR HOLY  
MOTHER WITH  
THEIR PRESENCE.

YOU  
WERE RIGHT  
TO COME  
HERE ALONE,  
MAEBARA-  
SAN...



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